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BEST/Act 230 Grant Instructions FY16

This document contains specific instructions on how to apply for the BEST Act 230 Grant. For general instructions on how to navigate in Grantium, please refer to the "[Grantium Applicant User Guide](#)" available via link on Front Office portal. Please apply on or before October 15, 2015.

Program Narrative Page

Rebecca Holcombe, Secretary of Education, has designated implementation of evidence-based practices that support school climate and student proficiency within Vermont's Multi-Tiered System of Supports (VT MTSS), including Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS/MTSS-B) as the priority areas for use of Act 230 funds.

On this page respond to the questions # 1 - 2 below:

1. Reference the evidence for the selected practice(s)
2. In what ways will the supervisory union/district support the school's implementation of these evidence-based practices?

If you are not also applying for the Innovation Grant, respond with N/A to questions 3-6. See Innovation Grant Instructions FY16 for directions if you are also applying for that grant.

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Access the Vermont Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (VTPBiS) and BEST Professional Development Calendar SY 2015-16 for specific information. Go to www.pbisvermont.org and locate the information on the Bulletin Board.

Supervisory Unions may apply for PBiS Coaching funds to support PBiS implementation, such as support for leadership teams in promoting fidelity implementation of systems, data and practices following Universal, Targeted or Intensive level trainings, support for school/SU/SD leadership teams in correcting specific implementation dips, or providing onsite professional learning opportunities in revitalizing VTPBiS Features. Supervisory Unions must select coaches from the approved PBiS Implementation Coaches list, which is posted at <http://www.pbisvermont.org/resources/coaches-a-coordinators/coaches>. The State Team will not be assigning coaches as has been done in the past. Fees for VTPBiS Coaching at the School/SU/SD is \$100/hour or up to \$500/day (8 hours) for a maximum of 10 days.

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Additional approvable costs include registration, trainer fees, training materials, mileage, lodging, meals and data collection/reporting system licenses (e.g., SWIS).

Staff time, stipends and substitute costs are **not approvable**; but may be used as the 50% in-kind costs assumed by the applicant.

Supervisory unions/districts/schools in SPDG K-12 vtMTSS will be provided information on costs related to the SPDG K-12 vtMTSS learning events.

Approval of this grant does not guarantee attendance or participation at the BEST Institute 2016. Registration is on a first come, first served basis. Please register at your earliest convenience.

Enter the following in the budget activities entered:

1. Source: Keep the default setting of BEST in this field. Agency of Education reviewers will assign the source on review based on the appropriate funding source.
2. Area: Select the correct drop down for your BEST Act 230 budget activity:
 - BEST Summer Institute 2016 (for BEST Act 230 only)
 - PBiS Trainings (for BEST Act 230 only)
 - PBiS Implementation Coaching (for BEST Act 230 only)
 - PBiS Supporting Activities (for BEST Act 230 only)
 - Other - Include specific activity in the *Description field (for both)
3. Amount Requested: List the total amount of funding you are requesting. A detailed budget is not required. Note that the maximum amount for this grant per supervisory union/district is \$6,500.00.
4. Description: Identify the professional learning activity, the number of participants, and list items in the budget (e.g., registration, trainer fee, training materials, mileage, meals, lodging, etc.).
5. Other Funds Amount: List the applicant contribution of at least 50% of costs. This could include in-kind contributions such as staff time, stipends and substitute costs. This does not need to be entered for each activity, but total Other Funds should be at least 50% of the amount requested.
6. Other Funds Description: Note the source of other funds. This is required entry if Other Funds Amount > 0.